

Litchi

Irrigation

Litchi can grow without irrigation in areas with rainfall (>125 cm) well distributed throughout the year. Frequent irrigation is necessary during early plant growth. Irrigation is withheld four months prior to flowering. Critical period for irrigation is from January end to the beginning of monsoon since it is the period of fruit development. During this period if the litchi orchard is not frequently irrigated, there may be a severe fruit drop and fruit skin cracking.

Irrigation of the young trees should be done by the basin system. As the tree grows, the basin should be gradually enlarged. The full-grown trees are irrigated by flooding or by furrow irrigation depending on the availability and source of water.